

# **Embracing Change: the AAUW NC Convention**

## ***WIIFM***

Choose a point of view and write down “What’s in it for me?” with respect to the AAUW NC Convention. Even if you’ve never attended we’d be interested to know how you perceive the event’s value.

**Branch member:**

**The host branch:**

**AAUW NC:**

**Other:**

## ***Change (or not)***

From a more general perspective, what should we

**Keep:**

**Let go:**

**Change:**

**Add:**

*These responses will be used to develop a survey of the members to guide any change.*

Survey at the AAUW NC Fall 2006 Meeting

count	what	item	huh?
	wiif members	inspiration from speakers	
	wiif members	energize with new projects, new directions	
	wiif members	meet folks from other branches	
	wiif members	get to visit another place	
	wiif members	get to renew acquaintances/friendships	
	wiif members	share ideas	
8	wiif members	get better view of big picutre	
	wiif members	get to focus on issues	
	wiif members	learn how to do new stuff	
	wiif members	meet speakers too "big" to come to branch meetings	
2	wiif members	meet your peers in similar "jobs"	
2	wiif members	association with other like-minded women	
	wiif members	get women to women issues/programs	
	wiif members	information to take back to the branch	
2	wiif members	see variety of members and their talents and interests	
	wiif members	stimulation that comes from staying active	
	wiif members	sharing ideas that can be used by individual and the branch	
2	wiif members	bond with other branch members	
	wiif members	information about jobs	
	wiif members	check out whether or not AAUW is the organization for you	
	wiif members	opportunity to hear good speakers	
2	wiif members	fellowship with other members	
	wiif members	networking	
	wiif members	see women's contribution to society, education, to ourselves & AAUW	?
2	wiif members	new ideas and program ideas	
	wiif members	get to understand the workings of the organization	
	wiif members	get knowledge from seminars	
	wiif members	networking	
	wiif members	learning about policy issues	
	wiif members	learning from others clarifies who I am and helps me to take a stand and position	
	wiif members	mobilizes one to action	
	wiif members	information	
	wiif members	feeling of belonging to state and Assoc.	
2	wiif members	seeing friends in other branches	
	wiif members	interesting workshops with dynamic speakers	
2	wiif members	gain understanding of state organization	
	wiif members	knowledge of AAUW	
	wiif members	workshops pertinent to AAUW and my concerns	
	wiif members	sharing with other branches	
	wiif members	see that we are more than a local organization	
	wiif members	increase awareness of public policy issues	
	wiif members	learn!	
	wiif members	meet some fantastic, hardworking people	

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	wiif host branch	improve cohesiveness	
	wiif host branch	involve inactive members in a "big" project	
3	wiif host branch	visibility	
	wiif host branch	lots of work and bonding	
2	wiif host branch	team building	
	wiif host branch	chance to connect with NC	
	wiif host branch	able to highlight the area	
	wiif host branch	may make money	?
	wiif host branch	show their leadership skills	
	wiif host branch	core group that helps maintain momentum and support	?
	wiif host branch	get to know each other better	
	wiif host branch	more active reaching out to include all members in work	
	wiif host branch	team efforts	
	wiif host branch	unified branch	
	wiif host branch	a lot of work	
	wiif host branch	broadens the branch's perspective with info on the larger organization	
	wiif host branch	working together & with cluster branches for a larger goal	
4	wiif the state	pr/visibility	
	wiif the state	recruit guest speakers as members	
	wiif the state	consensus on big issues/business items	
	wiif the state	building the body (marty?)	
	wiif the state	visioning opportunities	
	wiif the state	celebrate year, officially kick off new one	
	wiif the state	reaching out to members	
2	wiif the state	see potential leaders	
	wiif the state	hear what members want	
	wiif the state	develop leadership skills	
	wiif the state	broaden input/perspective of members	
	wiif the state	re-energize members	
	wiif the state	collaboration, mobilization, strength in numbers	?
	wiif the state	encouraging implementation of theme	
	wiif the state	more knowledge of needs of branches	
	wiif the state	recognition in state of affairs	
	wiif the state	get to know members and advance members who may be leaders	
	wiif the state	share information	
	wiif the state	inspire, encourage each other	
	wiif the state	visibility in the area and with speakers	
	other	economic stimulus for community	
	other	comment on importance of lobbying. (change format of some meeting to be mid-week)	?

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count	what	item	huh?
	keep	high quality program/speakers	
	keep	laf and ef fundraisers	
3	keep	inviting the fellows	
	keep	public policy	
	keep	convention in interesting places	
	keep	good workshops	
	keep	good speakers	
	keep	workshops	
	keep	general purpose and organizational goals	
	keep	board meeting separate on Friday night	
	keep	some formality	
	keep	all guest speakers	
	keep	smaller branches co-hosting with larger ones where facilities exist	
2	keep	laf component	
	keep	branch program sharing	
	keep	literary author	
	let go	lunch or dinner speaker	
	let go	expensive meals/banquets	
	let go	doing it every year?	
	let go	summer board	?
	let go	tight schedule	
	let go	complicated color dots on badges	
	let go	branch members => room formation, voting on issues, ADA assistance	?
	let go	Sunday morning program	
	let go	different colored dots on name tags	
	let go	complicated color dots on badges	
3	change	Sunday program should be stronger	
	change	shorten business meeting	
	change	do better badging (color schemes aren't working)	
2	change	friendlier layout of the room	
	change	consider teaming for convention	?
	change	length	
	change	have a fun evening	
	change	add more meet and greet	
	change	more small group workshops for training for leadership roles	
	change	improve system of having people mix to meet and exchange ideas (meal; mixer)	
	change	provide ample opportunity for participation	
	change	involve 2-3 branches to act as hosts	
	change	improve media coverage; invite the local paper, tv	
2	change	provisions for those who cannot afford the lodging; cheaper/free alternatives	
	change	have fun! Sponteneity!	
	add	more fun	
	add	more opportunity to take action	
	add	make important discussions as a state organization	
	add	something concrete that branches must address as a result of convention	
	add	leadership tips: 2-minute tips at strategic intervals (marty)	
	add	computer-assisted notetaking for main speakers and business sessions (publicized in advance)	
	add	"your voice" voting	
	add	electronic notetaking for hearing impaired	
	add	mixesrs - getting acquainted and exchanging ideas	
	add	1st timers welcom	
	add	media presence	
	add	interesting speakers	
	add	visibility of national pay equity day	
	add	laf plaintiffs	
	add	youth in attendance	
	add	2 minute leadership stretch	
	add	hosts for AAUW @home (lodging alternatives?)	